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Margaret Mellon came to the Union of Concerned Scientists in 1993 to direct a new program on Agriculture and Biotechnology. The program promotes a transition to a sustainable agriculture and critically evaluates the role of biotechnology in pursuit of that goal.

Prior to joining UCS, Dr. Mellon was the Director of the Biotechnology Policy Center at the National Wildlife Federation. Trained as a scientist and lawyer, Dr. Mellon received both her Ph.D. and J.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. Before joining the National Wildlife Federation, she worked at Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., and the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC. In the summer, Dr. Mellon is a visiting professor at the Vermont Law School, where she teaches a popular course in Biotechnology and the Law. In 1994, she was honored as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Mellon lectures widely on agriculture and biotechnology issues and has been a frequent guest on television and radio shows, including *The Today Show*, *Talk of the Nation*, and *Good Morning America*. Among her recent publications are *Now or Never: Serious New Plans to Save a Natural Pest Control* coedited with Dr. Jane Rissler; *The Ecological Risks of Engineered Crops* coauthored with Dr. Rissler and published in 1996 by the MIT Press, and a contribution to *The Genetic Revolution*, Bernard Davis ed., published in 1991 by the John Hopkins University Press. She is also a coeditor of *The Gene Exchange*, a newsletter that provides a public voice on genetic engineering in agriculture.

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